1. M/s Airlines Allied Services Ltd. (Alliance Air), 2. Jet Airways Ltd., 3. Deccan Aviation Ltd., 4. Sahara Airline, 5. Kingfisher Airlines, 6. Paramount Airways Pvt. Ltd. and 7. Indus Airways.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. No landing charges are levied by AAI on aircraft with a maximum certified capacity of less than 80 seats being operated by domestic scheduled operators.

Further, in the Finance Bill, 2007, it has been proposed to amend Section 14 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 by including Aviation Turbine Fuel sold to an aircraft with maximum take off mass of less than 40000 kilograms operated by scheduled airlines.

Growth of the aviation sector

1507. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had felt the necessity of revisiting the policy on airports as land acquisition process was facing hurdles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the domestic aviation sector had witnessed a 50 per cent increase during this fiscal year; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government expect an annual compound growth of 25 per cent for the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government is considering reviewing this issue through a policy framework.

(c) The Domestic Passenger Traffic has increased at the rate of 40.9% upto the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

(d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has forecast the average passenger traffic growth at the rate of 18.8% (international 15.9% and domestic 19.9%) for the period from 2006-07 to 2011-12 and at the rate of 15.5% (international 13.3% and domestic 16.2%) from the year 2012-13 to 2016-17.